



Welcome from everyone in Class 3!

A Message from us all at Flushdyke...

Firstly, we'd like to extend a big welcome back to all of our children and parents after the summer break. We are excited to have all of the children back together again for the start of a new school year!

We hope that this welcome newsletter provides you with some useful information about your child's class. Even if your child is still in the same class this year, it is important to read on so that you have the most up-to-date information about your child's class. We hope you find this information helpful and we look forward to working with you this year, to make the best possible difference for your child.

Spellings: Every Monday your child will be coming home with new spellings, which will be stuck in their green spelling book. Please encourage your child to practise spelling these words. Your child will need to bring this book to school every day in their book bag. During the week, in school, your child will be learning about the week's spelling pattern and will be practising spelling the words through 'Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check' lessons. Each Friday, your child will be tested on these spellings. Also, we will ask them to spell one or two words from a previous spelling list, to check whether they have remembered how to spell them. It's a good idea for your child to regularly look back at these.

PE days: Your child will need to come to school on **Thursdays** wearing their full PE kit, including their PE hoodie. They will wear their PE kit all day. During the first half term, your child should wear their PE shorts or their PE skort. When the weather turns colder, your child can wear their plain navy-blue jogging bottoms or navy-blue leggings/tights under their skort/shorts. **Mrs Finn is teaching PE to Class 3 each Thursday, starting on Thursday 11th September.**

Reading: In Years 3 and 4, we place a huge emphasis on the importance of reading. By the end of the second week, your child will bring home their new reading book. For most children, this will now be a book which they have chosen - one which interests and excites them. They will choose this book from our class library, which is a selection of age-appropriate fiction and non-fiction books. Some children, who are not yet fluent in their reading and still need additional support, will bring home reading scheme books which are matched to their level.

Children can change their reading books as often as they like, once they have read the book at home. Time will be given in class for your child to change their book. As reading is so vital at this age, **children should be reading for roughly 15-20 minutes a night**. Please encourage your child to do this, in order to become a confident, fluent reader. **Also, please listen to your child read aloud regularly during the week and to discuss the book together.**

Homework: Your child will receive one piece of written homework every Friday, starting on Friday 12th September. This will come home in the yellow homework book, and will need to be handed back by the following Wednesday.

Other homework includes practising spellings daily, daily reading and learning times tables daily.

Please ensure PE hoodies, jumpers/cardigans, lunch boxes, book bags are all clearly named.

If you have any questions or you require any further information about your child's weekly routine in school, please don't hesitate to ask. Thank you from **Mrs Barnett, Mrs Stanley, Mrs Stefaniuk and Mrs Oldroyd.**